OLD ENGLAND.

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Utile doctrinis præbere ſimilibus aures. MANT.

OUR Readers may remember our frequent Endeavours, during the laſt Seſſions of the laſt Parliament, to awaken ſome People into a due Conſideration of the enormous Abuſes charged on the Adminiſtration of our Naval Affairs, and more particularly as to the *victualling* of it, and the ſtarving of our gallant honeſt Sailors by a wretched Set of Miſcreants, who had raiſed vaſt Fortunes out of their Proviſions, and ſeemed to attend in their Stations for no other Reaſon. As our Papers on that Head have been often reprinted, we looked upon it as a Sign of their having been well approved of by the Public; and therefore hope they are ſtill in ſeveral Hands, and that the Contents of them are not forgot by any generous Favourer of the Sailors of *Great Britain*. But, alas! tho' we ſpoke out loud, we had the Misfortune to paſs unheard and unregarded, in our Cry for Juſtice on the Delinquents: Tho' it muſt be allowed thoſe Delinquents ſtood in ſome Meaſure corrected, as they mended their Hands, their Manners, and their Conduct, and turned a new Leaf in part at the *Board*; ſo as that our poor *Tarſtarvelings* found their Meſſes improved, and their Fare a little more wholeſome. But this extended no further than the *Channel*, and the Bounds of immediate Hearing: Thoſe who were ſtationed beyond the Reach of Complaint receiv'd no Benefit from our Endeavours, 'till the conſcious Abdication of a *certain Set* of Perſons, who, with the Sagacity of Rats, withdrew from the falling Houſe, leaving only *two* of their Numbers behind *to give Anſwers* and ſtand the Brunt of *Enquiry*; which they were ſo apprehenſive of, that they thought it requiſite to acquire Seats where they might contribute to ſtem the Evils, which they ſaw driving towards them, like a Cloud before the Wind, pregnant with Rain, with Storms, and with mighty Thunder.

As we had the Happineſs of ſeeing a new Parliament ſooner than we expected, it was hoped our new Repreſentatives were called together, not merely to ſanctify the Meaſures of the Adminiſtration, but likewiſe to redreſs the long-neglected Grievances of the People, the Abuſes of Power and of public Offices, with the declining State of Trade and National Commerce, which have cried out long and loudly for the helping Hand of public Authority, in Aid of the *virtuous Few* who had remained ſteady in their Country's Intereſt, however fruitleſs and in vain, or however oppoſed by the wicked and prevailing Arts of intereſted Perſons in more Power than they deſerve, under the plauſible Excuſes of poſtponing every Public Good to a more convenient Time and maturer Conſideration.

That we have hitherto tamely ſubmitted to ſuch deluſive Promiſes of future Redreſs, is, alas! but too notorious; and the more condeſcending we have been, the more oppreſſive has been our Condition: Inſomuch, that our Superiors may be truly ſaid to have taught us the ſame Degree of Servility as the *Aſiatics* have their Camels;—not only to ſtand tractably quiet, but even to bow the Knee to receive the intollerable Burden. How long it may be expected from us to continue in this *Dromedary* State of Submiſſion, to the arbitrary Meaſures and the heavy Weight of *Might*, does not yet appear; tho', like the *Chriſtian* Slaves among the *Moors*, we live in Hopes for the Day of our Redemption, notwithſtanding that a Seven long Years' Servitude riſes, dreadful, before our Eyes.

Altho', in Time of War, it might not be expedient to redreſs every Public Abuſe, or amend every Defect in our Government; yet ſuch Enormities as were glaringly oppreſſive, and affecting our immediate Preſervation, ought to have been conſiderately attended to, were it only to have enabled us to ſupport the onerous Burden of War. Of all the various Grievances that affect this Nation, there are none more pernicious, or of a deeper Concernment, than what ariſe from the Miſmanagement of our *Navy* in all it's Branches; the immediate Regulation of which, one would have thought, was a Point ſo intereſting and neceſſary, as would hardly have miſs'd the Attention of a P**** ſo well diſpoſed as the laſt was:——But ſo it happened, that —— the P**** was diſſolved.

Had it been their Pleaſure to have taken that Affair into timely Conſideration, ſuch Diſcoveries of Frauds and notorious Corruptions had been promiſed, from undeniable Vouchers, in the Practices of ſome People, as would have ſham'd even the moſt ſhameleſs Office, however diſtinct from *Tower-Hill:* An Office abounding with more Evils than *Pandora*'s Box, and of more pernicious Conſequence to this Nation than what Fable has imputed to that Receptacle of univerſal Miſchief and Calamity. Some infer that it contained a Board of Commiſſioners devoted to *Pluto* and all the Powers of Hell, revelling in Marine Spoils, brooding Diſeaſes, and diſperſing them among the hungry Inhabitanrs of the Ocean.

Unwholſome Food is a ſure and not a very ſlow Poiſon, and the *Caterer*, or rather *Commiſſioner*, that provides for a Family, becomes guilty of *Murder* as well as *Peculation*, when he prefers his own private Gain to the Safety and Welfare of the Family, in ſending in Traſh and putrify'd Proviſions to the Kitchen, when he has both ſufficient Allowance and Orders for the beſt from his Maſter, whom he injures moſt ſenſibly, by rendering his faithful Servants incapable of doing their immediate Duty, and in Proceſs of Time deſtroying them. I know not which deſerves Puniſhment moſt, the *Steward* of ſuch a Maſter, who would connive at ſuch a dangerous Cheat, or the immediate Delinquent himſelf. If ſuch a Conduct is ſo productive of ill Conſequences to a private Family, how much more dangerous to a State? where the Lives of Thouſands, nay, of Ten Thouſands, are intruſted in the rapacious Hands of a Set of unconſcionable Wretches, who thirſt,—who parch, who luſt moſt ragingly, after immoderate Gain!

When in Times of Yore, far, far diſtant from theſe happy Days, the *victualling of our Navy* was abuſed by the Frauds and Avarice of a numerous Board of Commiſſioners (when two or three at moſt were ſufficient for the Purpoſe) the crying Complaints of the poor, diſtreſſed, *half-ſtarved* Seamen, were heard, in piteous Moans, in every Maritime Town, Port and Haven, thro' *Great Britain*, and our Plantations in *America*; where they ſuffered moſt, as their Proviſions, unfit for keeping, became ſo offenſive before they arrived perhaps half way, as even the Starvelings of Public Jails could not endure, and nothing but the friendleſs, uſeful Sailor, under the Awe of a *Cat-o'-Nine-Tails*, would defile his Mouth with: Yet, ſtrange! tho' their Complaints and Groans were loud and piteous, and rung thro' the World, they were not heard within the Diſtricts of *Weſtminſter*; where *ſome People* are frequently ſtruck with a fortunate Deafneſs by a powerful Box on the Ear, from a miniſterial Hand, which often communicating to the Organs of Speech, leaves the Patient the Uſe of a Brace of *Monoſyllables* only; who, ſtill more wonderful! finds his Tongue under a kind of reſiſtleſs Impulſe of uttering *Yea*, when his Conſcience dictates *Nay*. No Wonder then that the Voice of Calamity could not pierce the Hearts, when it fell ſhort of the Ears, of a Set of People, deprived, as it were, of the *Free Agency* natural to all human Kind.

The unwarrantable Practices, Abuſes, and Miſmanagements of our Naval Proviſions in *thoſe Days*, expoſed the Juſtice of the Nation to the Reproach of our Neighbours on the Continent. The Chevalier *de Coetlogon*, in his univerſal Dictionary of Arts and Sciences, takes Notice, under the Article of *Baking*, of one Branch of Corruption in our *Engliſh* Victuallers, in the ſeverely-juſt Remark following:

" There are, ſays my Author, but too often unpardon-
" able Cheats committed in the Preparation of *Sea-Biſket*,
" which ſhould be puniſhed with the greateſt Severity:
" For it happens many Times, that the Undertakers have
" it made with the ſtinking and damaged Flour, which
" renders the Biſket, already impalatable enough of itſelf,
" naſeous and very unwholſome. There is ſcarce any
" Barbarity comparable to this, for it is ſome Manner
" poiſoning, with a premeditated Deſign, theſe brave Fel-
" lows who expoſe their Lives, in more than one Manner,
" to ſave our's, and who may be very juſtly conſidered as
" the Bulwark of the Kingdom. What! do they feaſt ſo
" ſplendidly on Board, as to be able to bear the Inconve-
" nience of black and ſtinking Bread?—Or, rather, is not
" Bread their chief Support?——For, except one Meal of
" Salt Meat a Day, are they not obliged to feed on Bread
" the reſt of the Time? Which Bread has often as much
" Taſte as a Brickbat, and is of as eaſy Digeſtion. It is
" ſurprizing, that *England*, which abounds in all Sorts of
" the beſt Corn, and with Wheat in particular, provides
" her Fleet with ſuch indifferent Bread: The *French* are a
" great deal more careful of the Lives and Health of their
" Sailors, and their *Sea-Biſket* is far preferable to our's.
" The *Engliſh* Sailors, tho' the beſt in the whole World,
" and as ſuch ſhould be better uſed, eat, to my certain
" Knowledge, ſome Bread worſe than that condemned as
" *Machemoure* on board the *French Men of War*, and as
" ſuch given to the Poultry, Hogs, *&c.* This Miſmanage-
" ment deſerves the Attention of thoſe who have the In-
" ſpection of thoſe Affairs, and ſhould be carefully exa-
" mined into."——Leaving this judicious Remark to ſtand recorded by the Hand of a *Foreigner*, as a Monument of the Prevalency of Fraud and Neglect in the Management of our Naval Concerns, I ſhall only add that it is heartily to be wiſhed, that there was no other Articles of our *Victualling* as liable, or rather more liable, to be cenſured than that of Bread. A juſt and real Enquiry would doubtleſs have found that the Meat, if Carrion-Fleſh may be called Meat, the well-hardened, petrify'd *Suffolk* Cheeſe, the Vermin-eaten Pulſe, *&c.* wherewith our Sailors have been fed, were as liable to Exception as the inſipid unnouriſhing Biſket.

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Our Land Forces would undoubtedly have ſuffered in the ſame Manner from the iniquitous Hands of *Contractors* and *Purveyors*, were it not for the Care and Inſpection of their watchful CHIEF, who perhaps alone dares remedy or complain of the Corruption of Agents; for it is notorious, that there have been ſome Sea Officers who have loſt their Command for preſuming to complain *of the moſt honourable Board of Eight*. Pity, that we are not bleſt with a *Chief* of the like Quality, Care, and Attention, over our *Navy!* and the more, as it is from our *Navy* that we derive all the Advantages we gained in this laſt War. Fortunate it was for us, that the Scenes of our late Naval Victories happened ſo near home, while our Sailors were ſtrengthened with the Nouriſhment of the freſh Proviſions, which they had eaten in Harbour: For when they ſubſiſt on ſuch nauſeous *Machemoura* (as our Author ſtiles it) and ſuch unwholſome Food as are ſaid to have been prepared for their longer Voyages, they fall ſick and weak, and become incapable of working their Ships, much more of entering upon Action.

As the public Cry has been loud for Juſtice on thoſe who have robbed, weakened, and diſtreſſed the Nation, by a Miſapplication of our Naval Stores; it would have been but reaſonable, as well as juſt, to have heard the Voice of Diſtreſs, and given the Satisfaction demanded for the Redreſs, and conſequently the Encouragement, of our too long injured Seamen; and ſo, by wholſome Examples, deter other Servants of the Public from National Embezzlements. As the buſy Scenes of War are over which have ſo long engroſſed the Minds of the Miniſtry, and took up all their Attention; and that Peace, with her *Halcyon* Days, is approaching with Leiſure as well as Plenty in her Lap; it is to be hoped that the next Seſſions of P***** will be employed to gratify the juſt Expectations of the People, and that the Iniquities of *Tower-Hill* will be avenged at *Tyburn*.

LONDON.

The Apartments belonging to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland at St. James's, are preparing for his Reception, his Royal Highneſs being expected there from Holland very ſpeedily; the Yatchs being gone to fetch him.

There is a Report that his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland will ſpeedilybe appointed Lord High Admiral of England.

A Number of Bills have been already poſted up at the Royal Exchange, for Ships bound to Spain, which has given great Satisfaction to the Generality of People in Trade.

We hear that Orders are given to take all the Lead off the Roof of Weſtminſter-Hall, and the ſame is to be repair'd and covered with Slate, which as it is much lighter than the other, will not ſtrain the Wood-Work ſo much.

Sunday died, at his Houſe in Deptford, Mr. James Colthurſt, agee 105 Years, who was Clerk in that Yard in the Reigns of King Charles the Second, King James, King William, Queen Anne, and the late King; but retired from Buſineſs on Account of his Age.

Mrs. Anger, who died ſome Time ſince, as lately mentioned, has left 50 l. to the Grey Coat Hoſpital, Weſtminſter, and 50 l. to the Poor of the Pariſh; likewiſe a Sum to be diſtributed to 50 poor Widows who have been Houſe-keepers.

On Tueſday laſt came on to be tried, before the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Juſtice Lee, a very remarkable Cauſe between a certain Attorney at Law, Plantiff, and William James of Ayleſbury, eldeſt Brother and Heir at Law of Nathan James, deceaſed, Defendant, in Relation to the Validity of a Will, by which it was inſiſted the ſaid Nathan James had given his Fortune to the ſaid Lawyer, in Prejudice of Ten Brothers and Siſters; and after a hearing of 15 Hours, and the learned Arguments of Twelve Counſel, the Jury brought in a Verdict againſt the Will, with the Approbation of the whole Court.

On Saturday the Seſſions ended at the Old Bailey, which proved a Maiden one.

The next Seſſions will begin at the Old Bailey on Wedneſday the 7th of September.

The Seſſions of the Peace for the City of London is adjourned to next Tueſday at Guildhall.

Wedneſday a Man, ſaid to be a Ship Carpenter, was taken in Shoreditch, and committed to New-Priſon, charg'd with the Murder of his Wife a few Days ſince.

Monday laſt Mr. Burtley a Linnen-Draper in the Strand, was attacked by a ſingle Highwayman on Hounſlow-Heath, who robbed him of Seven Guineas and his Watch; but the Fellow ſuſpecting Mr. Burtley would purſue him, fired a Piſtol at him, the Ball of which went thro' his Coat, and afterwards rode off: The Highwayman was well mounted on a Black Gelding.

Thurſday Mr. Johnſon, a Muſician, was robbed by a ſingle Highwayman, on Hounſlow-heath, of his Watch, four Guineas, and ſome Silver.

Monday Night an unhappy Affair happened in Flower-de-Luce Court, Fleetſtreet, where two Boys, one belonging to Mr. Courtey, a Blackſmith, and the other to Mr. Cambden, a Shoemaker in that Place, having ſome Words, the latter took up a Knife and flung it at him with ſuch Violence that it ſtabbed him in the Belly, for which he was ſecured and the Boy who received the Wound was carried to St. Bartholomew's Hoſpital, where he expired ſoon after.

Sunday a Skiff, in which were two young Gentlemen on a Party of Pleaſure, was overſet by the Violence of the Wind, having a Sail up, in the River in Hackney-Marſhes, and one of them was drowned.

Wedneſday Evening, Mr. Adams, a young Gentleman, very nigh coming to Age, when he would have poſſeſſed an Eſtate of 300 l. per Ann. attempting to ſwim in the Thames near Barnes, was unfortunately drowned.

On Monday the Son and Daughter of Mr. Glover, in Mount ſtreet, being at Play, were run over by a Dray; one of the Wheels went over the Girl's Body, by which the Blood guſhed out of her Mouth and Noſtrils, and left her for dead; the other went over the Boy's Leg, but happily did not break it. This was occaſioned by the Careleſsneſs of the Brewer's Servant riding on the Dray.

Laſt Monday a Perſon well dreſſed was found hanging on a Tree in a Field adjacent to Walworth Common. There was found in his Pocket a Gold Watch, ſeveral Guineas, and ſome Silver; but who he was is not known.

The Beginning of this Week, an elderly Woman at Enfield, being terrified with ſome ſilly Account of the Eclipſe, locked herſelf up in a Room, and cut her Arm in ſuch a Manner that ſhe bled to Death.

By a Letter from Devonſhire we are informed, that there were lately ſeen in Torbay near 40 young Whales at one Time, one of which was was taken 18 Feet long. They are ſuppoſed to have been driven in there by the Thunder and Lightning.

Extract of a Letter from Boſton in Lincolnſhire.

"A few Days ſince two Smugglers came, late in the Evening, to an Alehouſe at Wrangle, about ſeven Miles from hence, and the People not readily riſing to let them in, immediately broke open the Door, ſhot the Landlord in the Leg, and beat him in a terrible Manner; but upon the Family's making an Outcry, ſome of the Neighbours came in and ſeized the Smugglers; one of whom eſcaping, returned ſoon after, with upwards of 30 others, armed with Cutlaſſes, &c. and attacked the Houſe of Mr. Wilbey, an eminent Grazier, who happened not to be at Home, ſuppoſing his Servants had aſſiſted in ſecuring their Companion; and after breaking open the Door, pulled his Wife, who was very near her Time, out of Bed, and made her tell where her Huſband kept his Caſh; took about Forty Guineas, broke all the Windows, and Furniture, ſtaved all the Ale and Brandy there was, and then rode off triumphantly thro' the Town, bidding Defiance to all the Country. 'Tis computed that Mr. Wilbey's Loſs in Money and Goods, could not be leſs than three hundred Pounds."

Copy of a Letter from the Rev. Mr. John Hepburn, Miniſter of the Goſpel, at Crawfurd, dated the 29th ult.

"Monday laſt, about Sun-ſet, we had a very extraordinary Storm of Rain, Thunder, and Lightding, and as it was attended with a very lamentable Accident in this Pariſh, I thought proper to inform you of ſome of the Particulars. The Sufferer was Thomas Brown, in Comphead, who had his eldeſt Son (a Lad about 20 Years of Age) and 320 Ewes all killed by one Bolt. The Day after it happened I went to the Place, and carefully examin'd the whole Scene, which truly was one of the moſt ſingular and ſhocking that perhaps has been ſeen of the kind. There was a Piece of Ground, about 50 Yards in Length, and 20 in Breadth, quite covered with dead Sheep, there being few void Spaces between them, and in ſome Places Heaps of them were lying above one another in the ſtrangeſt Confuſion imaginable, as if they had been thrown with Violence from a Precipice. The Extent of the Thunder ſeemed very ſtrange to me, that it ſhould kill ſuch Numbers at once. The young Man who loſt his Life, was ſtanding about 40 Yards from the Flock of Sheep, and, which is very odd, his Brother was ſtanding by his Side ſo nigh as to touch him, and the Thunder ſeparated them at a good Diſtance from one another, killed the one, and ſo ſtunned the other, that for a long Time he did not recover; when he did he found his Brother breathing his laſt, a dreadful Smoke riſing from among the Sheep, and a moſt dreadful Smell of Sulphur. The young Man's Body was entire, only ſome blue Spots on his Skin; the Sheep alſo were without Wounds or broken Bones ſo far as I could find, and upon examining them could only obſerve their Bellies bliſtered, whence iſſued a bluiſh Water; and, what ſurprizes me, there was no Breach on the Ground, nor ſo much as a Graſs Pile broke, that could be obſerved, nor were the Fleeces of the Cattle in the leaſt ſinged.

Extract of a Letter from New-York, dated May 12.

The Heſter Privateer, Capt. Troup, is arrived from a Cruize, and taken eleven Prizes this Cruize, and loſt them all except one ſmall French Privateer, which ſhe ſent to this Port. She engaged a large French Ship with 100 Men, and 22 Carriage Guns, and run her aſhore at Porto Prince, when an Engliſh Man of War appearing, the Captain whereof ſent his Lieutenant on board the French Ship, who told Captain Troup, that he ſhould have no ſhare of her. Captain Troup then cruized off the Havanna for a ſhort Time, but finding his Proviſions run ſhort, he was obliged to return Home. The French Ship was richly laden with dry Goods. Off the Havanna, Capt. Troup took ſome Spaniards, who told him, that 14 Men of War were almoſt ready to ſail from the Havanna for Old Spain, with 24 Millions of Money on board."

The Dragon Privateer of New-York, decoyed a Spaniſh Man of War of 34 Guns on the Shoals of Bermudas, where ſhe ran aground, and ſet on Fire, after having been plundered.

The Garland Privateer has taken and ſent into Plymouth the N. S. di Gazzia d'Induſtrie, Don Miguel Antonio Vianna, bound from Ferrol to New Spain. There were four more Veſſels in Company with the Spaniard, which the Garland was left in Chace of.

The French India Company perceiving the Public very ſlow in ſubſcribing to the Twelve Millions, which they propoſed to borrow, have altered their Project into a Lottery, the Tickets of which are to be 700 Livers each, and the Blanks to be entitled to Annuities of 35 Livres per Ann.

Very ſuperb Equipages are preparing at Paris, which are ſaid to be deſigned for an Embaſſador from the Court of Turin, who is ſuddenly to arrive in order to make a formal Demand of the Lady Victoire in Marriage to the Duke of Savoy.

Extract of a Letter from Paris, dated the 13th Inſtant, N. S.

"By an Expreſs from our Miniſter at Conſtantinople, with Diſpatches over Land from the Eaſt-Indies, we are told that Admiral Griffin with the Engliſh Men of War under his Command had taken and deſtroyed Pondicherry, in the ſame as M. Bourdenaye had done at Madraſs. The Dutch Priſoners in this Kingdom are to be ſet at Liberty in a few Days without paying any Ranſom. We are making ſuitable Diſpoſitions for diſcharging a great Part of our Armies."

There are Letters from Hanover, dated the 13th of July, N. S. that by the Interpoſition of his Poliſh Majeſty, Count de la Salle will obtain, of her Imperial Majeſty, a free Pardon.

We hear from Warſaw, that Notice has been given to the Foreign Miniſters there, "That the Court has no Intention to cramp them in the Exerciſe of their Functions, or to confine it to certain Steps, but to leave them, as uſual, at full Liberty to execute whatever Commiſſions they may be charged with by their reſpective Courts; but at the ſame time they ſeriouſly deſired them to abſtain from all Intrigues with the Dyet of the Kingdom; as it is conceived, that corrupting the Conſtitution of a Nation is no Part of the Functions of a foreign Miniſter." Which is very rightly obſerved; that it were to be wiſhed, that no Natives could be found in any free Country to do ſuch dirty Jobs.

The Empreſs of Ruſſia has given Materials Gratis to the Inhabitants of Moſcow and Gluchaw, to rebuild their Houſes which were conſumed by the late dreadful Fires.

By Letters from Aſtracan, dated 23d of May, they had received Advice from Perſia, that the Shah had deſtroyed the Rebels; and that the Engliſh Factors, who had lately been plundered, had received from the Shah a Promiſe of ample Satisfaction for the Loſs they ſuſtained.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

LOW COUNTRIES.

Hague, July 16. General Greveſtein is come back from Frieſland, without having been able to do any thing towards ſettling the Diſorders of that Province. The States of Holland heve been deliberating ever ſince laſt Friday on Ways and Means for making good the Deficiency occaſion'd in their Revenue by the Abolition of the Impoſts. The Skippers and Populace at Tergau pretending that by the Abolition of the Impoſts in this Province they are to be exempted from contributing any thing at all to the Public Revenue, have refuſed to pay the Paſſage-Money, the Tolls for opening the Sluices, and other Duties, to which all Vaſſals are ſubject; it has been found neceſſary to ſend a Detachment of the Guards to curb their Inſolence, and bring them to Reaſon. Notwithſtanding the Declaration of the Deputies of the Council of Guelderland, that they would continue their Taxes upon the old Footing, the People are again in Motion every where in that Province, and refuſe to pay all Manner of Taxes or Duties, even thoſe levied for the Maintenance of the Dyks, and for other publick Uſes of the Province. In Overyſſel the States have been obliged to ſuppreſs all the Farms to quiet the Uneaſineſs of the People; on the other Hand the Hanckes, or People who come yearly out of Germany, and other Parts to make Hay, and Work at the Harveſt, have aſſembled in great Bodies, and committed ſeveral Diſorders in that Province. Count Bentinck ſet out Yeſterday in the Afternoon for Aix la Chapelle.

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